

**BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
FULL BOARD MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 2012
8:45 a.m.**

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BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Fine, MD – Chair

Robert E. Baute, MD

Thomas G. Breslin, MD

Mary Reich Cooper, MD, JD

Joan A. Crawley (public member)

Charles Cronin, DO

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Noubar Kessimian, MD

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

James V. McDonald, MD - Chief Administrative Officer

Amy DiFilippo - Administrative Officer

Bruce McIntyre, JD - Legal Counsel

Linda Julian - Board Investigator

**Cathy Cordy, R.Ph. – Chief Administrative Officer, Board of Pharmacy
– present for Sterile Compounding discussion**

ATTENDANCE:

Patrick C. Barry, Esq. (public member)

Norm Chapman, (public member)

Maya Colantuono (public member)

Margaret Coughlin (public member)

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

1. A quorum was established at 8:45 a.m.

2. On a motion by Dr. Baute, seconded by Dr. Iacobucci, it was voted to accept the minutes of the May 3, 2012 Licensing Committee meeting. All were in favor; motion passed.

3. On a motion by Dr. Kessimian, seconded by Dr. Cronin, it was voted to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2012 Full Board Open Session minutes. All were in favor; motion passed.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report

• Dr. McDonald provided the Board with a brief overview of his experience at the 2012 FSMB Annual Meeting. In addition he displayed a plaque that was given to the RI BMLD from the FSMB. This plaque was to honor the RI BMLD as a charter member of the FSMB. This year was the FSMB's 100th anniversary.

• Dr. McDonald reviewed the most recent article for the Rules of the Road segment on the DOH's Health Connections website. This article

discussed using medical records as an important tool in trying to control opiate abuse.

5. Old Business:

The article presented by Dr. McDonald regarding opiate abuse opened up a lengthy discussion amongst Board members regarding the current concerns and issues surrounding overprescribing of opiates, as well as, the current challenges surrounding Medical Marijuana. The Board strongly encouraged Dr. Fine to speak with the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) regarding the medical marijuana issues/concerns discussed.

6. New Business:

BOP/BMLD Position paper re: sterile compounding

Cathy Cordy, Chief, Board of Pharmacy (BOP), was present during the presentation of the position paper regarding sterile compounding.

This position paper was drafted following a meeting on 12/14/11 involving members from the BOP and BMLD. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss concerns over current practices occurring statewide in which the absence of recognized sterile compounding guidelines is compromising patient and worker safety. Dr. Baute voiced concerns regarding the statement being put forth to physicians and feels that the language to the physicians needs to be clearer. Dr. Iacobucci voiced opposition in voting on the position paper without fully reading and understanding the USP 797, which is quoted throughout the paper. Dr. Iacobucci made a motion to table

this matter; Dr. Breslin seconded the motion. No other members were in favor; motion failed. Dr. Cronin made a motion to accept the presented position paper with the inclusion of a clearer preamble for physicians. Dr. Baute seconded the motion. Dr. Iacobucci and Dr. Breslin were not in favor. The remaining members were in favor; motion passed with a 5:2 approval.

7. There being no further business, Dr. Kessimian made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Dr. Cronin seconded the motion; all were in favor. The meeting adjourned to Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the R.I.G.L.